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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 ThereunderREPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/04 AND ENDING 12/31/04  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

FIRM I.D. NO.

8880 RIO SAN DIEGO DRIVE

(No. and Street)

SAN DIEGOCA92108

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

KATHLEEN SHAVE619-574-6303

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

BAGELL, JOSEPHS & COMPANY, LLC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

200 HADDONFIELD BERLIN ROAD, STE 400-403, GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026

(Address)

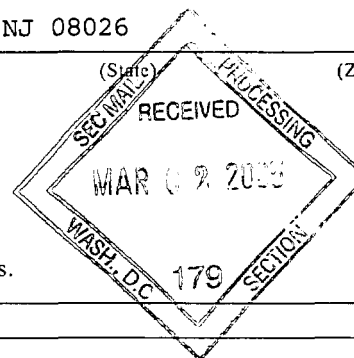
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(Zip Code)

## CHECK ONE:

☒ Certified Public Accountant☐ Public Accountant☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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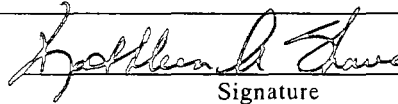
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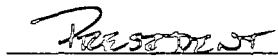
I, KATHLEEN SHAVE, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., as of DECEMBER 31, 2004, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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Signature

  
Title

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Notary Public

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of  
Ashton Capital Management, Inc.  
San Diego, California

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ashton Capital Management, Inc. as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ashton Capital Management, Inc. as of December 31, 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplemental schedule listed in the accompanying index is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplemental information required by Rule 17 a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

***BAGELL, JOSEPHS & COMPANY, LLC.***

BAGELL, JOSEPHS & COMPANY, L.L.C.  
Certified Public Accountants  
Gibbsboro, New Jersey

February 11, 2005

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**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**ASSETS**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 19,023
Due from broker	23,510
Commissions receivable	3,762
Customer list, at cost, net of accumulated amortization of \$27,500	2,500
Deferred income tax asset	<u>22,200</u>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 70,995</u></u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	<u>15,567</u>
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<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>15,567</u></b>
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**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCY**

**STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

Common stock, no stated value - 100,000 shares authorized; 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	6,000
Additional paid-in capital	164,300
Accumulated deficit	<u>(114,872)</u>

<b>Total stockholder's equity</b>	<b><u>55,428</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 70,995</u></u></b>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**REVENUE**

Commissions	\$ 266,588
Due Diligence/Marketing	36,081
Interest income	<u>322</u>

**TOTAL REVENUES**

302,991

**EXPENSES**

Commissions	227,145
Clearing and related costs	1,094
Office	82
Professional fees	65,606
Amortization	6,000
Other	<u>5,478</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

305,405

**NET LOSS**

\$ (2,414)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Additional</u>	<u>Accumulated</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid-In</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Stockholder's</u>
			<u>Capital</u>		<u>Equity</u>
<b>Balance, January 1, 2004</b>	1,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 164,300	\$(112,458)	\$ 57,842
Net loss	-	-	-	(2,414)	(2,414)
<b>Balances, December 31, 2004</b>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 164,300</u>	<u>\$(114,872)</u>	<u>\$ 55,428</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net loss	<u>\$ (2,414)</u>
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Amortization	6,000
Impairment of marketable security	(3,300)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>	
Due from broker	92
Commissions receivable	(2,113)
Accounts payable	(15,326)
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<u>(14,647)</u>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u>(17,061)</u>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH</b>	(17,061)
<b>CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>36,084</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,023</u></u>
<b>Supplemental schedule of non cash activity:</b>	
Write off of marketable security	<u><u>\$ (3,300)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**NOTE 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BUSINESS**

Ashton Capital Management, Inc. ("Company") is a California corporation, incorporated November 30, 1999, registered as a broker/dealer under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD).

The Company has an agreement ("Agreement") with a clearing broker ("Broker") to clear securities transactions, carry customers' accounts on a fully disclosed basis and perform certain recordkeeping functions. Accordingly, the Company operates under the exemptive provisions of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

**SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

Securities transactions and related commission revenues and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities listed on a national exchange are valued at the last sales price on the date of valuation. Securities not listed on a national exchange are valued at the last sales price on the date of valuation or, if such price is not available, at the bid price for securities owned and the ask price for securities sold but not yet purchased at the close of business.

**INCOME TAXES**

Income taxes are provided in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," whereby deferred income tax assets and liabilities result from temporary differences. Temporary differences are differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years.

**USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**NOTE 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments and other short-term investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalent balances at financial institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Securities Investor Protection Corporation up to \$100,000.

**CUSTOMER LIST**

The customer list is recorded at cost and is being amortized over its useful life of five years as estimated by the Company's management. Amortization charged to expense at December 31, 2004 was \$6,000.

**NOTE 2. CLEARING AGREEMENT**

In accordance with the Agreement, all of the Company's property held by the Broker including, but not limited to, securities, deposits, monies and receivables are used as collateral to secure the Company's liabilities and obligations to the Broker.

The Company typically maintains, as collateral against losses due to potential nonperformance by its customers, deposits to cover its inventory and outstanding customer positions. The Company has restricted \$20,000 of its cash per the clearing agreement with RBC Dain Rauscher.

**NOTE 3. REGULATORY NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule, which requires the maintenance of minimum regulatory net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to regulatory net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2004, the Company has regulatory net capital of \$30,728 and a minimum regulatory net capital requirement of \$5,000.

Under the provisions of Rule 15c3-3, the Company is not required to segregate funds in a special reserve account for the exclusive benefit of customers and, is not subject to certain other requirements of the Consumer Protection Rule.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**NOTE 4.     RELATED PARTIES**

The Company's activities are conducted using facilities of a related company at no charge.

**NOTE 5.     DUE FROM BROKER**

Accounts receivable from the clearing organization represent the net amount relating to commissions/trading income (loss) less clearing costs. As of December 31, 2004 the balance owed by the clearing organization was \$23,510.

**NOTE 6.     INCOME TAXES**

The Company has a net operating loss of \$(2,414) and prior year net operating losses of approximately \$115,000 that are available for up to twenty years to offset future taxable income. The tax benefit of these losses is shown as a deferred income tax asset in the financial statements.

**NOTE 7.     COMMITMENTS**

**CUSTOMER TRANSACTIONS**

In the normal course of business, the Company executes, as agent, securities transactions on behalf of its customers. If the agency transactions do not settle because of failure to perform by either the customer or the counter party, the Company may be obligated to discharge the obligation of the nonperforming party and, as a result, is subject to market risk if the market value of the securities is different from the contract amount of the transactions.

The Company does not anticipate nonperformance by customers or counter parties in the above situations. The Company's policy is to monitor its market exposure and counter party risk. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing, as considered necessary, the credit standing of each counter party and customer with which it conducts business.

**ASHTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1**  
**AND STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)(4) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1**

**Computation of Net Capital**

Total stockholder's equity from statement of financial condition	\$ 55,428
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Less: Non-allowable assets

Customer list	\$ 2,500
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Deferred income tax asset	<u>22,200</u>
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<b>Total non-allowable assets</b>	<u>(24,700)</u>
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<b>NET CAPITAL</b>	<u>30,728</u>
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**Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement**

Minimum net capital required, 6-2/3% of \$15,567 pursuant to Rule 15c3-1	<u>\$ 1,038</u>
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Minimum dollar per capital requirements of reporting broker/dealer	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
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Minimum net capital requirements of reporting broker/dealer	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
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<b>EXCESS NET CAPITAL</b>	<u>\$ 25,728</u>
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**Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness**

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 15,567</u>
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Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>51%</u>
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**Statement Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)(4)**

A reconciliation with the Company's computation of net capital as reported in the unaudited Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 was not prepared as there are no material differences between the company's computation of net capital and the computation contained herein.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

Board of Directors  
Ashton Capital Management, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Ashton Capital Management, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004 we considered its internal control structure, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5 (g) (1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5 (g) (1) in making the periodic computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3 (a) (11) and the procedures for determining compliance with exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in compliance with the requirements for prompt payment of securities under section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5 (g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structures or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and may not be detected. Also, protection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weakness under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weakness as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purpose in accordance with Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all materials respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2004 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies, which rely on Rule 17a-5 (g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

***BAGELL, JOSEPHS & COMPANY, LLC.***

BAGELL, JOSEPHS & COMPANY, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Gibbsboro, New Jersey

February 11, 2005